

# Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for

June 1, 2025

*"And they began to accuse Him, saying, 'We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.' So Pilate asked Him, saying, 'Are You the King of the Jews?' And He answered him and said, 'It is as you say.'" – Luke 23:2-3*



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“✠” = Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

### Call to Worship – John 1:40-41,48-49

**Leader:** One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him (Jesus), was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

**People:** He found first his own brother Simon and said to him,

**Leader:** We have found the Messiah

**People:** Which translated means Christ. . .

**Leader:** Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

**People:** Nathanael answered Him, Rabbi,

**Leader:** You are the Son of God;

**People:** You are the King of Israel.

## Prayer of Invocation and Confession

### Gospel Absolution Text – Zechariah 9:9

**\*Hymn #213** – “What Child is This”

### Scripture Reading – Revelation 19:1-20:6

Rev 19:1-21 The age to come.

Rev 20:1-3 This present age back when Christ was born.

Rev 20:4-6 This present age about the persecuted church and the saints in reigning in glory.

### Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Nicene Creed (pg#846 in the red hymnal)

### Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

**\*Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Sung Psalm #45B** – “My Heart is Greatly Stirred”

## Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, 34.

**Leader:** *How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?*

**People:** **By promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the Passover,**

Rom 15:8; Acts 3:20,24  
Heb 10:1; Rom 4:11; 1Cor 5:7

**Leader:** *And other types and ordinances, which did all fore-signify*

**People:** **Christ then to come,**

**Leader:** *And were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith*

**People:** **In the promised Messiah,**

Heb 8-11,13

**Leader:** *By whom they then had full remission of sin,*

**People:** **And eternal salvation.**

Gal 3:7-9,14

## Ministry of the Word

### Prayer of Illumination

**\*Sermon Text** – 1Samuel 2:10

**\*Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Sermon** – “The Messianic King”

(A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8)

## Ministry of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation & Warning

### Prayer

**Scripture** – 2Samuel 9:4-11

### Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Hymn #286** – “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

**\*Benediction**

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*Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today*

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## Announcements

- Copies of the Photo Directory are available today to take home. Please take just one copy per family/household. Thank you to Bryan and Kim Simmons for their help with the photos and to Vika Winters for tracking the information changes.
- The Deacon's Fund is low, additional contributions would be helpful.

## Upcoming Events

- **New Members** will be joining on **Pentecost, Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.  
(Zoom classes will be on Saturday, May 3, 10, 17 & 31 at 9:00 AM.)
- **Pool Party/Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Gabelmanns, 101 Wallens St., Winsted, beginning at **noon**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and an ice cream bar will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Bring your swimsuits if you wish to enjoy the pool. This will be held rain or shine as we are not able to plan for a rain date this year. Mark your calendars!

## Regular Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 – c.10:00 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> Children's curriculum: KVB Publications Women's Study: Sproul's <u>What is Reformed Theology?</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism <b>Worship</b> (Lord's Supper on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) <b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>
	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	<b>Tuesday Study</b> (Sermon on the Mount) at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>Wednesday Study</b> (biblical geography) at Pastor Doug's house <b>Gen Alpha Club</b> (Tiny Theologians) - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	<b>Young Adult Discussion Group</b> at Pastor Doug's house (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	<b>Prayer Group</b> at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

## ONLINE RESOURCES

<i>TRC's Webpage:</i>	TrinityReformedCT.org
<i>TRC's Facebook Page:</i>	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
<i>TRC's Youtube Channel:</i>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<i>Pastor Doug's</i>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<i>Youtube Channels:</i>	youtube.com/@PilgrimsOfPlunder

## INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: [trcnwprayer@gmail.com](mailto:trcnwprayer@gmail.com). (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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### **Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut**

*Worship Starts At:* 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

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# Sermon Notes

1Samuel 2:10

“The Messianic King”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

June 1, 2025

## Introduction & Background

- 1) Do you have a favorite verse, or verses, of Scripture?
    - a) Has a verse ever surprised or staggered you?
    - b) Ever read a passage and have it only “clicked” years latter.
    - c) Or as you grow in the knowledge of the Word of God more and more sections of Scripture start to make more sense.
    - d) Or to hear a section of Scripture in a new, maybe more correct way?
  - 2) All Scripture is inspired, literally “God breathed”. 2Tim 3:16
    - a) The Word of God is powerful.
    - b) A few verses of Scripture can radically change someone’s life. Acts 8:25  
Think of the Ethiopian eunuch in Isaiah 8:32-33.
    - c) Hannah’s great prayer in 1Samuel 1:1-10 is one of these texts.
  - 3) Remember we are at the very end of the time when judges, appointed by God, governed Israel. Judg 2:16
    - a) It is not a great time, unlike that righteous generation back in Joshua’s day.
      - i) Moses had lead God’s people out of slavery in Egypt. Ex 3:7-10
      - ii) Because of Israel’s sin of the Golden Calf, all that generation, Ex 32:28,35  
save two (Joshua & Caleb), would die in the wilderness. Num 14:26-35
      - iii) That purified generation that came out of the wilderness Josh 24:31  
was very godly.
    - b) The generations that came after Joshua, as we read in the book of Judges increasingly became corrupt, it was a dark age, kind of like today.
      - i) The technologically advanced evil Philistines are Judg 10:6; 16:23-24  
threatening Israel from without, as they did 1Sam 4-7  
throughout the Book of Judges. 1Sam 13:19-22
      - ii) Will soon read in 1Samuel 3:1b where the “*word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent*” in those days.
      - iii) Even great men like the High Priest Eli and the very godly 1Sam 2:12-17  
Samuel had children that went astray. 1Sam 8:1-3
      - iv) And then there is that haunting terrifying reframe that is Judg 17:6  
repeated, and is the conclusion of the Book of Judges: Judg 18:1  
“*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did* Judg 19:1  
*what was right in his own eyes.*” – Judges 21:25
- (These are very bad things! Only crazy godless moderns would think this is a good thing.)

- 4) Into this comes the last judge, a priest of God, and the first great (post-Moses) prophets: Samuel.
  - a) 1Samuel, chapter 1, is about Samuel's birth.
  - b) His mother Hannah couldn't have a child so she prayed to God, and made an OT vow, and the Lord gave her Samuel, who she turns over to the Lord, around the age of three, to be a priest at God's House (i.e. the Tabernacle) at Shiloh.
- 5) Hannah's responds to all of this with one of the great prayers in Scripture as we have been going through in 1Samuel 2:1-10.
  - a) It is more than a prayer.
  - b) It is very Psalm like, and in some ways is the first Psalm, like Samuel is the first prophet, after the great prophet Moses whose songs and psalms are famous.
 

Deut 34:10  
 Ex 15:1-18  
 Deut 32:1-43; Ps 90

    - i) Hannah's prayer seemingly will go on to inspire other great songs in the Bible:
      - David's great psalm of deliverance in 2Samuel 22:1ff
      - David's Psalm 18, 113 (especially verses 7-9).
      - Mary's great prayer called the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55.
    - ii) All by the grace of God!
  - c) What makes it staggering is the final verse which is one of the greatest prophecies in all of Scripture.
    - i) This not some simple daily prayer.
      - Such as: "*Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.*" – Luke 11:2b-4
      - Simple, doesn't mean unimportant, or not profound, remember who taught us that simple prayer!
    - ii) Hannah's joy is clearly an amazing work of grace upon her, thus her prayer.
    - iii) Let's look at the extraordinary conclusion today.

### **God Will Judge – 1Samuel 2:10a-c**

- 1) Hannah prays/prophecies in 1Samuel 2:10a-c:
 

*Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered;  
 Against them He will thunder in the heavens,  
 The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;*
- 2) Notice how this is not a request, or a hopeful reminder, but a statement of fact.
  - a) Especially by a woman who was focused on having a child.
  - b) What an incredible statement of faith.
- 3) This is prophetic in the narrow sense as Israel's foes will be stopped by God thundering from the heavens:
  - a) God will send thunder, after Samuel worshiped the Lord, that will lead to the defeat of the evil Philistines.
 

1Sam 7:10
  - b) David, in Psalm 13, celebrates God's delivering him from all his enemies and from the evil king Saul, by stating, "*The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.*" - Psalm 18:13-14

- c) Or one of David's last psalms before his death, when Israel was earthly safe, in his great "Psalm of Deliverance" in 2Samuel 22:1ff, which again appears to be modeled on Hannah's prayer, where the old king prays, *"The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice."* - 2Samuel 22:14
- 4) Hannah's prayer/prophecy is far more grand in scale however, because there has been a great war since the beginning of time.
- a) There has been a "great" war since the beginning of creation between light and darkness.<sup>1</sup>
- b) It may go back as far as Genesis 1:4 when God *"separated the light from the darkness"*.
- i) Was this the fallen of Satan? (Debatable.)
- ii) However, when the devil first directly shows up in Genesis 3:1 Job 5:12; 15:5  
he is already treacherous. Ezek 28:13ff
- c) It definitely goes back to Genesis 3 when Satan tempts Adam & Eve into falling.
- i) With that great first statement of the Gospel, is the protoevangelium as it is called.
- ii) Genesis 3:15 - *"And I (God the Father) will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman (Eve the mother of all mankind), and between your (Satan's) seed (demons, evil humans, etc.) and her seed (Christ and His church); He (Christ) shall bruise you (Satan) on the head, and you (Satan) shall bruise Him (Christ) on the heel."*
- iii) Paul appears to affirm this interpretation when he writes, *"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."* - Romans 16:20
- d) In this "great war" there are only two sides, with no neutrality.
- i) If you don't know what side you are on, or even know there is a war going on, you are on the wrong side.
- ii) Let alone if you intentionally side with darkness Ps 74:16; 136:7  
against *"the Father of lights."* - James 1:17 1Tim 6:16; 1John 1:5
- e) We recently went through the greatest book on the Bible that shows this on going cosmic war, that we are in its final stage (that has been going on for 2,000 years) and its conclusion: The Book of Revelation.
- 5) Hannah knows, by grace, that there will be justice and the Lord will be victorious, as she prays/prophesies: *"Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens"* - 1Samuel 2:10a-b
- 6) The totality, the grand cosmic scope of this prayer/prophecy, is in the next line: *"The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;"* - 1Samuel 2:10c
- a) God will judge. Ps 96:10-13; 98:9; Matt 25:31-32
- b) God will make His power known to the nations. Ps 67:7; Is 52:10
- c) Salvation will go to all the ends of the earth. Ps 22:27-29; 98:3; Is 45:22
- d) And His Anointed's greatest will be known to the ends of the earth. Ps 72:8; Mic 5:4  
Zech 9:9-10
- 7) What comes next, in Hannah's prayer, borders on the incomprehensible.

<sup>1</sup> Gen 1:4?; Job 30:26; Ps 139:11-12; Is 5:20; Mic 7:8; Matt 4:16; 6:23; John 1:5; 3:19; 8:12; 12:35; Rom 13:12; 2Cor 6:14; Eph 5:8; 1Thes 5:5; 1Pet 2:9; 1John 2:8-9

## **Kingship in the Early Parts of the Old Testament**

- 1) Hannah prays, “*and He will give strength to His king*” – 1Samuel 2:10
  - a) Who is Hannah praying about?
  - b) This King who God the Father will give power, might, will be like a mighty fortress to?
- 2) This is the end part of the time of the judges, “*in those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*” – Judges 21:25
  - a) Unlike all the surrounding nations who had kings, Israel never really had a king from father Abraham through the time of Hannah. 1Sam 8:5-6,19-20
  - b) The word “king” in the Bible means “a male royal ruler, who is the governmental head of a kingdom who often embodies political, social, religious, and military authority and whose title is transmitted from within the family from adult to child.”
  - c) In the ancient world kings can range from being the sovereign of a small city-state (i.e. king of Zoar – Gen 14:2) to a great empire (i.e. king of Egypt – Gen 40:1).
  - d) It would be the difference between having a king of Torrington and a king of the United States of America.
  - e) The use and progression of the word “king” in the first half of the Old Testament is fascinating.
- 3) The Hebrew word for king (*mē·lāḵ*) is first used in Genesis 14 known as the “*War of the Kings*” chapter.
  - a) The War of the Kings pitted an alliance of four eastern kings led by Chedorlaomer of Elam against a rebellious alliance of five kings from the Jordan Valley.
  - b) Abraham (just “Abram” at this time) becomes involved when his nephew, Lot, is captured by the victorious eastern kings during their plundering of the Jordan Valley cities, prompting Abraham to launch a daring rescue mission with his armed household and allies to retrieve Lot and the stolen goods.
  - c) These are all very normal kings, and it shows how ancient the concept of kingship goes back to. (This is over 1,000 years before the time of Hannah!)
  - d) Then it gets interesting: Gen 14:18-20
    - i) All of sudden another king appears, the King of Salem named Melchizedek, goes to Abram.
    - ii) “Melchizedek” in Hebrew means “King of Righteousness”.
    - iii) Salem is the ancient name for Jerusalem.
      - “Salem” means “peace” in Hebrew.
      - Thus, making Melchizedek the King of Peace.
    - iv) Melchizedek is also a “priest of the Most High God”.
      - This is some 700 years before Aaron the first Levitical priest.
      - Besides, in the OT, one should not normally be both King and Priest.
    - v) Melchizedek brings out “bread and wine” to share.
    - vi) Abram immediately recognizes Melchizedek as his superior and gives tithes to Melchizedek, giving the King of Salem a tenth of all Abram has, which is an act of worship.

vii) Then Melchizedek then disappears from the Old Testament.

- Except for a prophecy in Psalm 110.
- Which speaks that God's Anointed will be fully God but different from God the Father.
- And from the line of Melchizedek that a permanent priest will come.
- And this Anointed will "*will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge among the nations*". – Ps 110:5b-6a

- e) God does promise Abram/Abraham that from his line will eventually come kings. Gen 17:6,16  
Gen 35:11
- f) Likewise, Moses prophesies that in the future God will set up a King in Israel. Deut 17:14-15  
Deut 28:36
- g) Though Moses also reminds Israel that God is their king.<sup>2</sup> Deut 33:5
- h) A few times sinful Israel, during the time of the judges, flirts with having a king, however, this is not godly.<sup>3</sup>
- 4) Though God prophesies through Melchizedek, Abraham and Moses that Israel will have a King, when Israel desires a king during the time of the judges, it is a rejection of God, because they their desires are worldly. Judg 8:22-23  
Judg 9:6ff  
1Sam 8:1ff
- 5) But not for Hannah.
- a) She knows, by the grace of God, that God the Father will give strength to God's King.
- b) Yes, this does refer to King David but clearly Hannah is "sensing" the big picture. That a King of Kings is coming, who will be of the line of David and the priesthood of Melchizedek.
- c) This seems to be one of the earliest prayers directly focused on Christ!
- d) This is seen with the last section of this one verse.

## **God's Anointed**

- 1) Hannah concludes her prayer with "*And will exalt the horn of His anointed.*" – 1Samuel 2:10e
- 2) "Horn" was mentioned in the beginning of this prayer, back in 1Samuel 2:1.
- a) "Horn" (*qē·rēn*) here refers to the bony growth on animal heads. In the Bible it is associated with status, strength and ability.
- b) "Exalt" is to be on high, raised up, lifted up – either in triumphant and/or put in a safe position. Gen 7:17; Job 22:12; Ps 107:25  
Ps 118:16; Is 49:11; Ezek 31:4
- c) So, Hannah prays/prophesies that God will lift up, make triumphant His anointed one.
- 3) "Anointing" (as a verb) in the general sense, means having a person set apart with special authority to perform a particular task, which is usually signified by the pouring of sacred oil on one's head. Gen 31:13  
Ex 30:25ff; 40:9ff  
Judg 9:8,15

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 33:5a – "*And He was king in Jeshurun*".

"Jeshurun" is a poetic and affectionate name for Israel, meaning "upright one" or "beloved one."

See: Deut 32:15; 33:5,26; Isa 44:2ff

<sup>3</sup> Such as when Israel asks Judge Gideon to be their king and he refuses (Judg 8:22-23) or when Gideon's son by a concubine, Abimelech, unlike his father, seizes power to briefly become a king. (Judg 9:6ff)



- a) We see this in the first times the word for “anointed” (as a noun) is used in Scripture.
  - i) In Leviticus 4:3,5,16; 6:22 it refers to “the anointed priest”, those Levites called to minister to the Lord at His House in the OT (i.e. the tabernacle and then later at the Temple.)
  - ii) They alone can offer sacrifices in God’s House so they have to be anointed.
- b) Hannah, for the first time in Scripture does not use the term “anointed” in the general sense but speaks about The Anointed.
  - i) God’s anointed.
  - ii) The Hebrew word for “anointed” in Hebrew, the language of the OT, is “*Messiah*” in Greek, the language of the NT, it is “*Christ*.”
- 4) Do you not see how incredible this prayer/prophecy is!
  - a) Before there will be the first official human king in Israel, anointed by her son Samuel in 1Samuel 10:1ff, Hannah knows/trusts in God’s King.
  - b) Before any one uses the noun “Messiah” to refer singularly to God’s anointed, Hannah speaks that title (I believe) for the first time and she knows/trusts in Him.
  - c) Hannah knows God’s anointed King will shatter God’s enemies, thunder from heaven, will judge the ends of the earth, be given power and God Himself will exalt in the power He gives His Anointed One, His Messiah, His Christ.
  - d) This is over 1,000 years before the birth of Christ and yet fallen man still does not believe.

## **Conclusion**

- 1) We tend to think the main purpose of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to bring salvation to God’s people.
  - a) We quote John 3:16, usually out of context, and think that is the only verse in the Bible.
  - b) Now salvation is certainly is part of the Gospel and one we are very thankful for!
  - c) However, it is not just that, it is something much more.
  - d) The Gospel is primarily about the victory of God’s anointed, His Messiah, His Christ. He will be triumphant over His enemies!
- 2) When?
  - a) God has shown his glory to lesser kings, and lesser anointed ones throughout the Old Testaments, who are figures of The Messianic King to come.
  - b) Of course, there will be the final triumphant at the end of the age, when Christ returns.
  - c) But as we learned when going through Revelation 4-7, there is great victory now, which is represented and given in the Lord’s Table.